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SUBJECT: CCD ENMOD EXPERTS MEETING: GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR US
EXPERTS

FOLLOWING IS GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR US EXPERTS IN CCD ENMOD
DISCUSSIONS DURING WEEK OF AUGUST 4-8 AND IN RELATED PLENARY
SESSIONS.

1. OBJECTIVES: (A) TO PROMOTE VIEWS SUPPORTIVE OF TREATY
APPROACH AGREED AD REFERENDUM BY US AND SOVIET BILATERAL
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DELEGATIONS IN JUNE. ESSENTIALLY, THIS APPROACH LOOKS TO-
WARD TREATY LIMITED TO 0AN ON MILITARY OR OT;ER HOSTILE USE
OF ENMOD TECHNIQUES HAVING WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING OR SEVERE
EFFECTS AS MEANS OF DESTRUCTION, DAMAGE OR INJURY.

(B) TO CONTRIBUTE TO AWARENESS ON PART OF OTHERS REGARDING STATE OF THE ART OF ENMOD TECHNOLOGY AND THUS INFERENTIALLY SUPPORT POSITION THAT ABOVE APPROACH WOULD PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PROTECTION AGAINST ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL LARGE-SCALE DANGERS OF MILITARY USE OF THAT TECHNOLOGY.

(C) TO SEEK TO RESPOND TO CERTAIN POLITICAL-LEGAL QUESTIONS RAISED BY OTHERS REGARDING FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES UNDERLYING AN ENMOD TREATY.

2. US EXPERTS' POSTURE AT MEETINGS:

(A) KEEPING IN MIND THE NEED TO AVOID COMMENT ON THE COURSE OR CONTENT OF THE US-USSR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON LIMITATIONS ON MILITARY ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES (BEYOND WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN STATED PUBLICLY), OR ON OPTIONS FOR HANDLING THE OUTCOME OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, THE PARTICIPANTS SHOULD TAKE AN ACTIVE AND POSITIVE ROLE IN THE MEETINGS, IN KEEPING WITH OUR ASSURANCES THAT WE WOULD DO SO.

(B) PARTICIPANTS MAY DISCUSS IN GENERAL TERMS THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CURRENT STATE-OF-THE-ART OF THE POSSIBILITIES FOR USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES, AND RELATE THIS TO POSSIBLE MILITARY APPLICATIONS, STRESSING THAT THE LARGE MAJORITY OF TECHNIQUES THAT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED ARE HYPOTHETICAL, IF NOT OF A WHOLLY SPECULATIVE NATURE. THEY SHOULD DRAW ON US OPENING STATEMENT AND SUPPORTING TECHNICAL PRESENTATION FOR GUIDANCE ON TECHNICAL AND MILITARY ASPECTS OF VARIOUS ENMOD TECHNIQUES, AND FOR PREPARATION OF ANY STATEMENTS OR RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED BY OTHER DELEGATIONS ON THOSE ASPECTS.

(C) PARTICIPANTS MAY NOTE THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS UNILATERALLY RENOUNCED THE HOSTILE USE OF CLIMATE MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES, EVEN SHOULD SUCH TECHNIQUES COME TO BE DEVELOPED IN THE FUTURE.

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(D) PARTICIPANTS SHOULD AVOID DEBATE CONCERNING US ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO PRECIPITATION MODIFICATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA FROM 1966 TO 1972. HOWEVER, IT MAY BE POINTED OUT THAT THE ONLY TECHNIQUE WHICH THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS OPERATIONAL FROM A MILITARY STANDPOINT AT PRESENT IS A VERY LIMITED FOG DISPERSAL CAPABILITY AT AIR FIELDS.

(E) PARTICIPANTS MAY STATE OUR GENERAL VIEW THAT MILITARY AND CIVILIAN R&D RESPECTING MANY ENMOD TECHNIQUES CANNOT BE DISTINGUISHED; THEREFORE, IN THE INTEREST OF AVOIDING ENCUMBRANCES TO R&D ON BENEFICIAL PEACEFUL APPLICATIONS, WE DO NOT CONSIDER A BAN ON R&D DESIRABLE IN ANY TREATY

APPROACH TO MILITARY USE OF ENMOD.

(F) PARTICIPANTS SHOULD NOT REVEAL SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OF US OR ILLUSTRATIVE US-USSR DRAFT TREATIES ON LIMITATIONS ON MILITARY ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES. THEY SHOULD ALSO REFRAIN IN MEETINGS FROM EXPRESSING VIEWS ON THE SOVIET DRAFT CONVENTION INTRODUCED AT THE 1974 UNGA AND CURRENTLY BEFORE THE CCD. IF ASKED FOR SUCH VIEWS IN PRIVATE, THEY MAY DRAW DRAFT AS CONCEPTUAL BASIS FOR COMMENTS

WHICH SHOULD IN ANY CASE BE RESTRAINED AND LOW KEY.

(G) PARTICIPANTS SHOULD MAINTAIN VIEWS SUPPORTIVE OF BASIC US TREATY APPROACH, E.G. THAT ANY TREATY SHOULD (1) COVER ONLY THE USE, AS WEAPONS, OF TECHNIQUES FOR RELEASING OR MODIFYING THE NATURAL FORCES OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AND NOT THE INCIDENTAL OR SIDE EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT PRODUCED BY OTHER WEAPONS; AND (2) SHOULD APPLY TO EXISTING OR POTENTIAL ENMOD APPLICATIONS WHOSE EFFECTS ARE EXTENSIVE ENOUGH TO POSE DANGER ON MAJOR SCALE.

3. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ALLIED AND SOVIET EXPERTS. INGERSOLL

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